

East Cocalico Township

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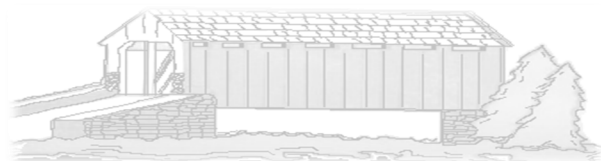
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TOWNSHIP APPRECIATION

During the difficult times of COVID-19, East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors extends a big “thank you” to the area businesses and residents for their generous contribution lunches/food and other donations. Everyone’s general support, thoughtfulness, and generosity is received and noticed. A big “thank you” from the Township as a whole.



Trick or Treat Night

Friday, October 29, 2021 from 6pm-8pm

East Cocalico Township follows the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Commission’s stated policy, which specifies that Trick or Treat night will be held on Friday, October 29th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This recommended date and time is determined for everyone’s safety.



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REAMSTOWN POOL END OF SUMMER

Thank you everyone for a great season!
See you next year for a splashing good time!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



LABOR DAY — Sept. 6th

PATRIOT DAY — Sept. 11th

- Volunteer today! Support your local Fire Company and Ambulance.
- Are you interested in a reflective house number? If so, you can order one through your local fire company today.
- See this and previous newsletters [on-line](#) with working links.

WELCOME

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE

SUPERVISOR CRAIG A. EBERSOLE In April of this year, Craig was appointed by Supervisor Romao Carasco and Supervisor Jeffrey Mitchell to fill the unexpired term of Supervisor Fry, who stepped down from the Board earlier that month. The term runs thru December 31, 2021. Craig and his wife Deb are both life-long residents of East Cocalico Township, and both are alums of Cocalico High School. Following high school, Craig attended Harrisburg Area community College and Florida State University, where he earned degrees in Criminal justice. He was appointed to the Township Police Department in 1974 and was promoted to Chief of Police in 1978, retiring in 1995. He went back to school and earned his Series 7, 31, 63 and 65 Securities licenses, working for a major Wall Street firm for the next ten years. He was elected to the Office of the Lancaster County Treasurer and served for 12 years. Previous community service was included in the East Cocalico Township Water and Sewer Authority, the East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors, The Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA) Board of Directors, and a charter member of the Cocalico Community Partnership. Craig is also a proud member of the East Cocalico Lions Club with over 40 years of service.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER MICHAEL HESSION On June 7, 2021, East Cocalico Township and Denver Borough entered into an innovative partnership in which Michael Hession was appointed to serve as both the Township Manager in East Cocalico Township and the Borough Manager/Secretary in Denver Borough through a Management Services Agreement. In this joint role, Mr. Hession has been tasked with providing organizational and financial leadership, planning, advice, guidance (policies) and reporting to internal and external constituents and with analyzing workflow and resources to determine any shared opportunities to improve efficiencies and reduce costs for both the Township and the Borough. Prior to this partnership, Mr. Hession served as the Borough Manager/Secretary in Denver Borough for the last nearly 24 years. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Carnegie Mellon University. He currently lives in Clay Township with his family and is excited about the opportunity to work with the rich history and growing promise of East Cocalico Township.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT EDGAR (EDDIE) W. PATTON I've been married to Carisa for 22 years. We Live in Narvon with 3 kids Josh 21, Aubri 19, Jared 16. We Are very involved in our church (New Holland church of the Nazarene). We enjoy kayaking, hunting, and spending time in Huntingdon county. I am a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps honorably serving from 1991-1995.

HUMAN RESOURCES CHERLY TAPIA I'm currently the HR Coordinator at East Cocalico Township. I have two children Gian 19 and Genesis 14. I have a bachelor's degree on HR from Alvernia University and a Masters' in school leadership from Wilkes University. I'm very involved with the children ministry at church. Enjoy spending time with my family, going to mission trips, going to the beach, watch movies, and listen to music.



Are you looking to volunteer your time? Then we are looking for you!

Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on the **Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee** and the **Recreation Board**. If interested, please write a letter of interest and mail to: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 or send an e-mail to: Township@eastcocalicotownship.com. Any questions, please call 717-336-1720.

Looking to volunteer your time with your local Fire Companies? Visit their website for more information on volunteering, as well as membership information, events, call volume, hall rentals, and a lot more! See what they do, have done, and have to offer:

Reamstown Fire Company
Smokestown Fire Company
Stevens Fire Company

www.reamstownfire.com
www.smokestownfire.com
www.stevensfire.org

Are you interested?





BUILDING PERMITS



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF A GIVEN YEAR

PERMIT TYPE	January 2019 thru June 2019	January 2020 thru June 2020	January 2021 thru June 2021
RESIDENTIAL			
NEW HOMES	38	26	21
TOTAL	\$5,068,400.00	\$4,500,899.00	\$4,395,300.00
RENOVATION / ADDITIONS	11	13	24
TOTAL	\$271,850.00	\$478,949.00	\$808,112.00
SOLAR	8	2	13
TOTAL	\$218,513.66	\$42,050.00	\$365,651.13
DECK / PORCH / PATIO	23	17	36
TOTAL	\$347,732.93	\$126,319.00	\$429,963.30
SHEDS	17	21	19
TOTAL	\$89,668.00	\$168,561.68	\$69,741.66
FENCE	13	22	20
TOTAL	\$56,714.00	\$138,728.00	\$84,452.70
POOLS	4	2	5
TOTAL	\$49,010.00	\$1,750.00	\$277,941.00
OTHER	35	18	36
TOTAL	\$258,606.55	\$96,890.80	\$356,182.99
TIMBER HARVEST	5	4	1
TOTAL	154	125	175
	\$6,360,495.14	\$5,554,147.48	\$6,787,344.78
COMMERCIAL			
NEW STRUCTURES	2	1	1
TOTAL	\$3,955,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$16,000.00
RENOVATION / ADDITIONS	13	12	20
TOTAL	\$3,121,870.00	\$4,965,631.44	\$32,325,831.00
SIGNS	6	8	8
TOTAL	\$58,715.00	\$78,541.40	\$32,552.13
OTHER	8	10	14
TOTAL	\$31,815.12	\$168,210.00	\$276,134.26
TOTAL	29	31	43
	\$7,167,400.12	\$5,242,382.84	\$32,650,517.39
AGRICULTURE			
BUILDING / RENOVATION	7	2	5
TOTAL	\$74,500.00	\$175,000.00	\$429,500.00
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	\$74,500.00	\$175,000.00	\$429,500.00
GRAND TOTAL PERMITS	190	158	223
GRAND TOTAL \$	\$13,602,395.26	\$10,971,530.32	\$39,867,362.17



PREVIOUS MEETINGS RECORDED: The Board of Supervisors Meetings are pre-recorded and placed on YouTube. You can view on YouTube at www.YouTube.com. Just type in the “search” box: East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisor, then click on the meeting date of your choice.



MEETING AGENDAS. Would you like to know the discussion items at an upcoming Township meeting? If so, the Agendas are posted on the Township website at least 24 hours prior to a meeting. Please visit the Township website at: www.eastcocalicotownship.com, and choose the meeting date of your choice.

LIVE MEETINGS: The Board of Supervisors Meetings can be viewed “live” on Zoom by visiting the Township website (www.eastcocalicotownship.com), choose the meeting date/time, and click the “join Zoom meeting link to log-in.

STREAM IMPROVEMENT



There were areas of Stony Run next to the Township Building where its banks were severely eroded as seen in the photo to the left. Streambank erosion is one of the primary sources of sediment (soil carried by water) in our waterways. Because of our MS4 permit pollution reduction requirements, the Township must eliminate more than 150,000 pounds of sediment from our streams every year. One of the ways to do this is to modify streambanks to limit erosion.

Using funding from a Community Conservation Grant through the Lancaster Clean Water Partners and the Lancaster County Community Foundation, funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, we were able to greatly reduce the erosion rates. The steep, nearly vertical banks were regraded, stabilized with matting, and planted with a mixture of native grass and wildflower seeds. We have had several intense rain storms since the work was completed with little erosion of the modified banks. The work was done by the Township Road Crew, who did an excellent job.



In addition to the bank modifications, we also planted trees and shrubs in a 35-foot buffer zone along the stream. Volunteers from UGI did the planting. This “riparian buffer” helps protect the stream and filter pollutants from the stormwater runoff from around the stream. For this project, the estimated sediment reduction is 30,475 pounds per year.



UGI volunteers planted 139 trees and shrubs.

If you have a stream on your property that has eroding banks, we’d be glad to work with you to improve the banks to reduce the erosion. There are a variety of strategies to stabilize stream banks, some that are simple and inexpensive. There may be funding and materials available to help with your project. Please contact Ken McCrea, the Township MS4 Technician for details, (717) 336-1720 or MS4@EastCocalicoTownship.com.





Corrugated cardboard only.
Flatten the boxes.
 No Styrofoam, plastic, wood, or
 cardboard with wax (*similar to*
chicken meat boxes).

CARDBOARD DUMPSTER STATS

CONGRATULATIONS!

The residents of the East Cocalico Township
 recycled a lot of cardboard in only 6 months!

Congratulations everyone!!!

The amount of cardboard recycled at the East
 Cocalico Township dumpster from January 2021
 thru June 2021 was 10,390 pounds or 5.20 tons!



Have a passion for community and looking to volunteer your time? Then we are looking for you! Volunteers are needed to fill two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Board. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us at 717-336-1720 or email Township@eastcocalicotownship.com.

The East Cocalico Township Recreation Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Please consider coming out and sharing your ideas to enhance our parks as we strive to put the Community First!

LOCAL PARK HAPPENINGS



Basketball Court Resurfacing at Reamstown Municipal Park has been completed. The lights are now set up with a timer and can be used until 9:30pm at no cost to residents.

Beginner Skateboard/Scooter/Bike Park build will start the week of Aug. 9, weather permitting. The Cocalico Alternative Sport Association (C.A.S.A.) in partnership with the ECT P&R Board will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sun. October 17, at

the Reamstown Skatepark from 1pm to 4pm. Come out and enjoy music, raffle prizes, and more! The VANS Lancaster store will be out so be sure to stop by for a chance to win VANS prizes! Food can be purchased from the Castaneda's Food Truck and Seanie Pies Pizza. Proceeds raised will benefit the Reamstown Skatepark and C.A.S.A. Event

Parking at the Reamstown Pool upper lot as well as St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

Stoney Pointe Park is complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 22nd from 4pm-7pm at the Stoney Pointe Park.

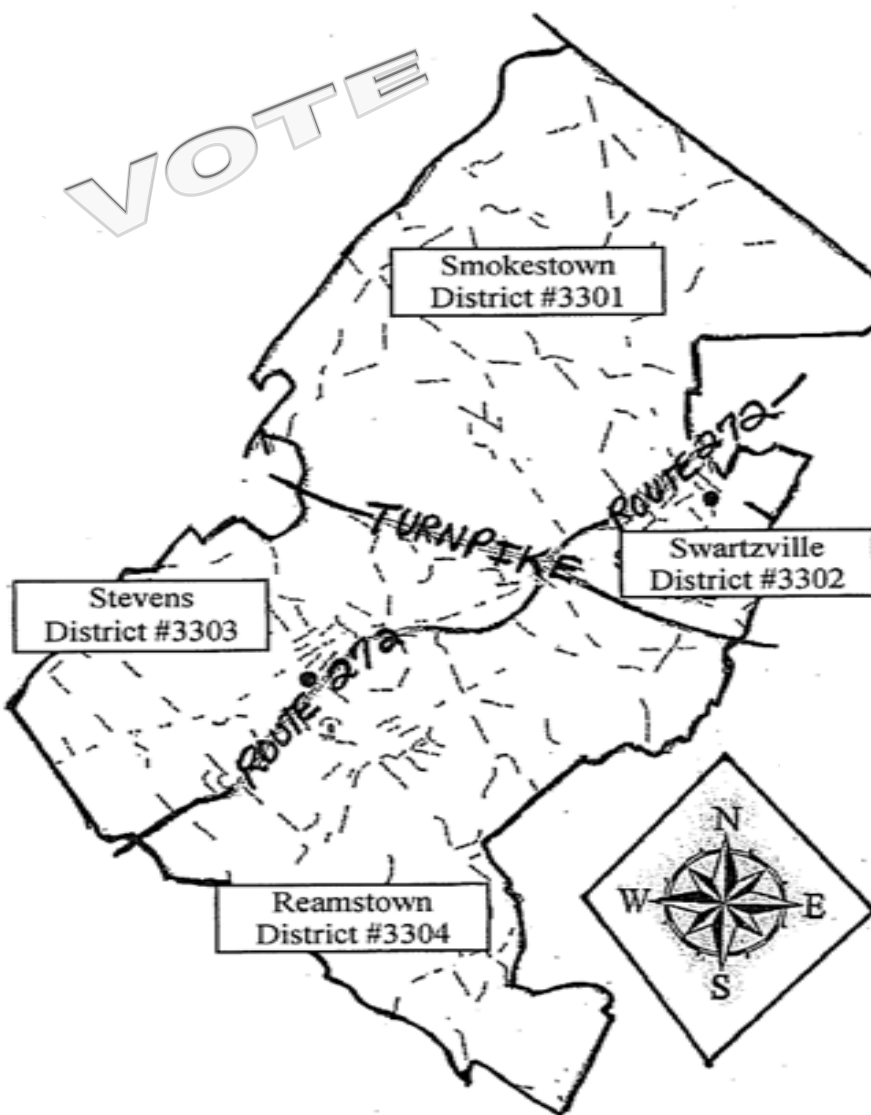


2021 PA ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.....	August 2
Last day to file objections to nomination petitions.....	August 9
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.....	August 9
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary.....	August 9
Last day to REGISTER before the November election.....	October 18
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.....	October 26
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in/civilian absentee.....	November 2
MUNICIPAL ELECTION.....	November 2
First day to REGISTER after November election	November 3
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military/overseas absentee ballots.....	November 9

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.

Courtesy of: <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/10937/2021-Important-Dates>



EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP VOTING DISTRICTS

General election voting:
Tuesday, November 2nd.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
Polls close at 8:00 p.m.

Please note! The last day to register for voting is October 18th Civilian absentee ballots must be received by County Voter Registration. Registration applications and absentee ballots are available on the Township web-site or at the Township office.

SMOKESTOWN, DISTRICT #3301

Smokestown Fire Company
860 Smokestown Road
(717) 336-3311

SWARTZVILLE, DISTRICT #3302

Peace United Church of Christ
37 East Swartzville Road
(717) 484-4400

STEVENS, DISTRICT #3303

Stevens Fire Company
91 Stevens Road
(717) 336-4200

REAMSTOWN, DISTRICT #3304

St Paul's EC Church of Reamstown
46 E Church St, Reamstown
(717) 336-5080



WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

Phone: 717-336-1731

Fax: 717-336-1735

E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com



E-BILLING IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

ECTA is pleased to announce that you can now receive your water and/or sewer bills electronically, at no cost to you, via email. Property owners, if you would like to sign up for e-billing and eliminate your postcard bills, please send us an e-mail at water@ecocalicotwpauth.com with the following information: property owner's name, service address and the email address of the property owner (only one email address per account). Once we receive your request, we will update your account. Upon verification of the email address, your bill will then be sent to you via e-mail and you will no longer receive a postcard bill in the mail. To remain consistent with our billing policy, e-bills will be emailed to property owners only, not to tenants.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

DO WE HAVE YOUR "CURRENT" PHONE NUMBER?

The East Cocalico Township Authority uses an automated mass notification system called SwiftReach to quickly call and notify property owners in the event of an emergency situation that may affect our community's public water supply or our sanitary sewer service. To ensure our SwiftReach system can notify you of an emergency situation with your water or sanitary sewer service, we need to have your most current phone number on file. While we do have phone numbers for the majority of our customers, there are still some property owners we are unable to contact because of missing or out-of-date phone numbers.

In order to help us serve you should an emergency situation arise, please note that if in the last year or two you have changed phone numbers or switched to a cell phone instead of a landline, we need you to provide your updated phone number.

Updating your information is quick and easy! Please visit our website at www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and click on the "Swift911 Emergency Notification Services" link near the bottom of the home page. You can also call our office at (717) 336-1731 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and one of our friendly staff members will be glad to assist you. You can also call our office to verify that your phone number is currently in our emergency notification system.

If you are a Windstream Communications customer and subscribe to the service that requires a caller to dial 1 and the pound sign (#) to complete the call, it is very important to add East Cocalico Township Authority's phone number to your "allowed list" of phone numbers. Failure to do so will block our call to your landline phone. For information on how to add the Authority's phone number to your "allowed list," visit our website and click on the "Swift911 Emergency Notification Services" link at the bottom of the home page.

STEVENS PUMPING STATION UPGRADE / EXPANSION

The Authority is completing the final steps of the pre-construction process that began on January 15, 2021 and will be starting on-site construction activities in mid-August 2021 for the upgrade and expansion of its sanitary sewer pumping station in Stevens. The station, which is located along Line Road near the intersection of Wabash Road, has been approaching full capacity and required an upgrade to support future growth identified in the Township's ACT 537 sewage plan. Upon completion of the initial phase of the project, the station's pumping capacity will increase from 100 gallons per minute (gpm) to 300 gpm. As part of the overall project, the pumping station will be sized to accommodate future flows of up to 700 gpm with only minor modifications to our existing force main. The current project schedule identifies construction completion by December 2021 with final startup and testing targeted for January 2022.

HYDRANT FLUSHING



During the summer and fall months, East Cocalico Township residents may notice Authority employees working at fire hydrants throughout the Township and see water flowing onto the streets from these hydrants. What you are seeing is the Authority hard at work conducting a very important part of its required water system maintenance program to ensure the hydrants are working properly and that the water system continues to operate efficiently and effectively at desired flows and pressures.

During the summer and fall months, the Authority attempts to flush every fire hydrant in our system as this flushing procedure will also help remove naturally occurring mineral deposits from the system and ensure that fresh water is always flowing through the water mains. This is one of the many things the Authority does to provide our customers with the highest quality water possible.

Residents may also notice and wonder why a particular fire hydrant is bagged and out of service. This occurs when the Authority discovers a non-working hydrant while performing its hydrant maintenance activities or if a hydrant has been damaged by a motor vehicle. The Authority will also bag a hydrant if it needs to be disassembled for repainting.

The Authority takes pride in its fire hydrant maintenance program and in all cases strives to have bagged fire hydrants back in service as soon as physically possible.



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100 HILL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

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PERMIT NO. 35

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP OFFICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. P: 717-336-1720 F: 717-336-1724

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: township@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP POLICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4pm EMERG: 911 P: 717-336-1725 F: 717-336-1737

W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OFFICE 102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. P: 717-336-1731 F: 717-336-1735

W: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

E: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

TAX COLLECTOR Kurt Fichthorn 717-336-1721

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING Eddie Patton M-F 8-4:30 717-336-1708

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/zoning-codes

E: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

MS4 (Stormwater) Ken McCrea 717-336-1717 W: www.ECTMS4.com

REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

P: 717-336-3537 (only in operation when the pool is open)

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown, PA 17567

P: 717-336-3958

W: www.reamtownfirecompany.com

SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver, PA 17517

P: 717-336-3311

W: www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

P: 717-336-4200

W: www.stevensfire.org

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2021 MEETING DATES

Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings are held at: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS <i>Held in person and via Zoom. Check web-site for any updates.</i> 9:00 AM 7:00 PM		PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP 7:30 PM	ZONING HEARING BOARD 7:30 PM	RECREATION BOARD 7:00 PM	WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY 7:00 PM
AUGUST	5	19	23	18	11	10	31
SEPTEMBER		2*, 16	27	15	8	14	28
OCTOBER	7	21	25	20	13	12	26
NOVEMBER		4, 18	22	17	10	9	30
DECEMBER		2, 16	20	15	8	14	28

*September 2nd: Held at Smokestown Fire Company, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.

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Your thoughts, comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Lisa A. Kashner, Township Newsletter Editor